

**MINUTES**  
**BRADD BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**December 19, 2018**

**TIME & PLACE:**

The Barren River Area Development District Board of Directors met at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 19, 2018 at the BRADD Conference Center, Bowling Green, KY. Vice Chair, Mr. Steve Thurmond, called the BRADD meeting to order.

Ms. Alecia Johnson, BRADD staff, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Vice Chair Thurmond introduced the first guest speaker, Mr. Lanny White of Carr, Riggs and Ingram, for an audit report. Mr. White informed that he met with the Executive Council prior to the Board Meeting and presented the detailed review of the BRADD fiscal year 2018 audit report. After stringent review, Mr. White was proud to report there were no findings in the audit. Mr. White further informed this is the first year the State Auditor of Public Accounts (APA) has reviewed the BRADD's audit process. A letter has been received from the APA's office confirming the work of CRI and BRADD's financial management with no findings.

Vice Chair Thurmond announced that Mr. Tony Wilder and Ms. Shellie Hampton were both unable attend today's meeting, but will be rescheduled in the near future. The recent Governor called special session has made it difficult to leave Frankfort. Vice Chair introduced Mr. JD Chaney, with Kentucky League of Cities, as the next guest speaker. Mr. Chaney spoke about pension updates in light of the recent strike down to the Pension Bill. Mr. Chaney stated at yesterday's special called session with the Governor, the Pension Bill was the primary topic. He revealed no agreement nor consensus was reached due to confusion on the vote. The session was adjourned and will reconvene in regular session in January. Of which, Mr. Chaney stated, there will be 31 new House Members. From a Cities perspective, Mr. Chaney briefly discussed the separation of CERS from KRS with the emphasis of putting local governments in charge of local government pensions. Additionally, Mr. Chaney discussed and described the proposed gas tax bill as an important avenue to address the states infrastructure needs. Lastly, Mr. Chaney spoke about the need to diversify revenue options. Due to Kentucky's diverse cities and county governments make-up, they do not need to be competing against one another.

**ATTENDANCE:**

It was determined that a quorum was present. (See attached attendance Record).

**MINUTES:**

With no corrections or additions, the minutes of the October 24, 2018 meeting were approved as emailed. (See attached)

**Motion was made by Mayor Billy Phelps, seconded by Mayor Mark Stratton to approve the October 24, 2018 Board minutes as emailed. Motion carried.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Officers:** No reports.

**Council:**

**Water Management Council,** Vice Chair Thurmond announced that Judge/Executive Wil Cannon replaced Judge/Executive David Fields as the new Water Management Council Chairman. Vice Chair called on Judge/Executive Cannon to present the report. The BRADD Water Management Council met on December 5, 2018. The Council reviewed and approved two new projects and amended one project. The Council also reviewed and approved the 2019 Regional Priority Rankings for water and waste water projects within the BRADD region. These rankings were included in the board packets. The next Council meeting will be March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at the BRADD Conference Center. If you have any questions please direct those to Thomas Grubbs.

**Aging Council,** Vice Chair Thurmond called on Mrs. Vickie Walker. Mrs. Walker informed the Barren River Council on Aging met on November 14, 2018 at 10 am at the BRADD Conference Center. Mr. Eric Evans from AARP gave a presentation on AARP's upcoming legislative priorities, which included retirement security and care for seniors. Mrs. Walker further informed the Aging Council By-Laws revisions were mailed to the members prior to the meeting. The Aging Council By Laws were reviewed and the revisions unanimously approved. A food drive was held in October, and BRADD/AAAIL was able to collect over 60 bags of canned goods and other nonperishable items. These items will be distributed to needy clients throughout the district by BRADD staff. As part of National Caregiver's Month, BRADD/AAAIL held a personal care items drive, and collecting items throughout the month of November. BRADD/AAAIL staff worked with Home Insteads "Be a Santa to a Senior" Program to bring Christmas gifts to needy seniors throughout the region. Lastly, Mrs. Walker informed the next Aging

Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 16th at 10am in the BRADD Conference Center.

**Special Advisors:**

**Mr. Timothy Gilliam**, Senator Mitch McConnell's representative gave a brief report. The President is signing the Farm Bill for industrial hemp today, with an ink pen made from hemp. Mr. Gilliam expressed, the goal for hemp is to progressively spread across the Kentucky agriculture community. Mr. Gilliam informed of a recent opioid event held in Louisville to connect individual's facing the opioid endemic to federal resources. Mr. Gilliam informed he would provide the information presented to anyone interested.

**Mrs. Sandy Simpson**, Congressman Comer's representative, informed the Congressman is proud of the recent Criminal Justice Reform Bill being considered. Mrs. Simpson also noted the Farm Bill will promote broadband to the rural communities. Mrs. Simpson recognized the exiting BRADD officials and thanked them for their service. Mrs. Simpson encouraged any of the new officials to reach out to her with any questions they may have.

**Jon Crosby**, Senator Rand Paul's Representative, thanked all the exiting elected officials for their diligent service. Mr. Crosby spoke about the First Step Act and Senator Paul's desire to partner with the opioid crisis to help reduce drug use. Senator Paul believes this Act will help keep individuals out of prisons and placed into rehabilitation centers.

**Wes Watt**, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, had no official report but provided a brief update and proposed completion dates for the different re-pavement and construction projects throughout the region.

**Debbie Hammers**, Rural Development, informed funding amounts have yet to be allocated for Rural Development but there are hopes for it to be done soon. Ms. Hammers encouraged interested parties to begin submitting applications.

**Molly Schorer**, Mammoth Cave National Park, informed the draft fire management plan is now open for public comment and is posted on the website. Ms. Schorer informed of an upcoming concession facility improvement project that will require public review.

**STAFF:**

**Mr. Eric Sexton**, Executive Director, provided various announcements for the Board of Directors and guests in attendance. Mr. Sexton announced the Executive Council met prior to the Board Meeting and filled vacancies in officers. The following have been elected to fill in the remainder of the 2019 fiscal year, ending June 30<sup>th</sup>. Chairman, Mr. Steve Thurmond, Vice Chair, Judge/Executive Wil Cannon, Secretary, Mayor Mark Stratton, and Treasurer, Mr. Gary Dillard. Mr. Sexton informed the Executive Council approved the 2019 Board Meeting dates as listed in the board packet. The dates will also be posted on the BRADD website. Additionally, Mr. Sexton updated the board about the FY 2018 JFA dispute letter containing factual discrepancies. The Executive Council voted to approve a letter of response addressing the discrepancies. Additionally, the Council voted for an appeal letter to be sent to the Governor and the BRADD area Legislators, for the FY 18 JFA. Mr. Sexton announced the FY 19 JFA contract has been received with several language changes and pricing reduced under the amount allocated by the General Assembly. The Council approved a letter of request be sent to clarify the new contract language and pricing. Mr. Sexton announced the FY 18 Annual Report has been published and given out today. It is a testament to the concept of regionalism and the hard work of BRADD staff with the cities and counties in which we work and live. It will also be posted on the BRADD website. Mr. Sexton announced 90 percent of Citizen Members were in attendance today. Mr. Sexton recognized outgoing elected official thanking them for their work and service to the counties, cities and the region. Mr. Sexton informed the BRADD 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting video and photos are linked on the website. Mr. Sexton asked all members to return their Board Member nametags for repurposing purposes in January. The next regularly scheduled Board Meeting will be held January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019. Mr. Sexton thanked all the BRADD staff members for their hard work throughout the year.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **1. Executive Council Report:**

#### **1. Approve Clearinghouse Projects**

Vice Chair Thurmond called on Judge/Executive Wil Cannon who reported that the Executive Council met prior to the BRADD Board Meeting and considered three regional clearinghouse projects. The project descriptions are in the board packet. If there are no questions, upon review of the projects, the Executive Council recommended approval.

**Motion: Judge/Executive Wil Cannon made a motion to approve the three Regional Clearinghouse Projects. Mayor Mike Hughes seconded the motion. Motion carried. (See attached)**

**2. Fiscal Year 2018 Audit**

The Executive Council met prior to the board meeting and reviewed the FY 18 audit. Mr. Lanny White of Carr, Riggs and Ingram also provided a brief overview of the audit earlier this meeting.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Judge/Executive Wil Cannon, seconded by Mr. Elroy Larimore to approve the FY 18 Audit report. Motion Carried. (See attached)

**3. Community and Economic Development Strategy (CEDs) Resolution**

The Executive Council met prior to the Board Meeting and reviewed the 2018 CEDs Resolution as completed by the BRADD staff. The resolution is provided in the board packet.

**Motion:** Judge/Executive Tommy Willett made a motion to approve the CEDs Resolution. The motion was seconded by Judge/Executive Logan Chick. Motion carried. (See attached)

**4. KICK Start KY Resolution**

The Executive Council met prior to the Board Meeting and considered the KICK Start KY resolution, promoting the gas tax for Kentucky Transportation funding for maintenance and construction. The resolution is located in the board packet.

**Motion:** Judge/Executive Tommy made a motion to approve the KICK Start KY Resolution. The motion was seconded by Judge/Executive David Fields. Motion carried. (See attached)

**ADJOURN**

With no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Jim Wilkerson, seconded by Mayor Mike Hughes to adjourn.

  
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Signed

  
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